that the revenue officers have failed to impress upon the raiyats the consequences of their neglect.

First Member of Council.—

We will look into the matter.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If the Government are convinced after investigation that the officers have neglected their duties in respect of this tank, will the Government take action against them?

First Member of Council.—

I have already answered that question.

Mr. N. Channappa.—

How long is it since this tank came into existence?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. N. Channappa.—

Was it repaired at any time?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

MR. GURUSWAMI GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the census or *khaneshumari* of Hoskote Municipality taken?

(*b*) What are the reasons for not taking *khaneshumari* at the time of every municipal election although the rules require it?

(*c*) In regard to the nominations to the Hoskote Municipality during the last re-constitution, what are the reasons for nominating uneducated people although there were a number of applications from eligible candidates?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—7. (*a*) February 1931 (Decennial Census).

(*b*) Election rules do not require the taking of *khaneshumari* or census at the time of every election.

(*c*) No hard and fast rules can be laid down for nominations which are meant to remove inequalities, if any, of representation through election. Literacy is also taken into consideration as far as possible.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

My question was a much bigger one. Out of it, only three sub-sections have been printed.

Second Member of Council.—

The others must have been disallowed.

Khan Bahadur Mahomed Abbas Khan.—

Will the Government be pleased to give reasons for disallowing them?

Dewan.—

No.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that this interpellation has some reference to the last elections in the Hoskote Municipality?

Second Member of Council.—

There is nothing about elections in the allowed portion of the interpellation.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Were the census figures of February 1931 taken into consideration in the election of members to the municipality?

Second Member of Council.—

I do not think so. The election should have been based on the figures available then with the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

In sub-section (*c*) it is stated that literacy would be taken into consideration while making nominations. What were the reasons which prompted the Government to nominate two uneducated men to the Municipal Council?

Second Member of Council.—

In the absence of literate persons, Government nominated influential men though not literate.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that a deputation of over 50 members of the Adidravida, Adikarnataka and Konga communities waited on the Deputy Commissioner and represented that they had no confidence in the person nominated and that one Korama who was educated should be nominated ?

Second Member of Council.—

We want notice.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

Would it be possible for Government to set aside the nomination now made and give relief to the members of the said communities by nominating the person in whom they have confidence ?

Second Member of Council.—

This year's nominations are over and nothing can be done now.

Mr. Guruswami Gowda.—

When there were two elected members on the council from a particular community, is it right to nominate another member from the same community and that too a near relative of one of the members ?

Second Member of Council.—

There may be special reasons for this. But these are questions which have been disallowed. You cannot discuss them now. If necessary, we shall get a report from the Deputy Commissioner as to why such things have not been brought to our notice.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Along with the recommendation for nomination, do not the Municipalities send a list of elected members also ?

Second Member of Council.—

They do.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Would it not help the Government to know who should be nominated and from what communities?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot nominate members from all communities.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

My point is this. There were two members of one particular community on the council by election. Why was another man from the same community nominated to the council? Is it not due to the influence of the Amildar?

Dewan.—

May be enquired into, if necessary.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—(*continued*).

II. General Principles of the Bill further to Amend the Mysore District Boards Regulation, 1926.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT, explained the principles of the Bill as follows:—

Under Section 68 of the Mysore District Boards Regulation, railway cess should be utilised solely for the construction of railways and tramways or for guaranteeing the payment of interest on capital expended on any railway, tramway, or other works which may directly improve the means of communications within the district in which it is levied or between such district and other districts. The Chitaldrug District Board resolved on 18th January 1930 that they may be permitted to utilise the railway cess for the improvement of ordinary communications. Subsequently, the Tumkur District Board requested Government in November 1930 that they may be permitted to utilise the interest on railway cess for the construction and maintenance of roads. The District Boards of Kolar, Mysore and Shimoga who were consulted in the matter have agreed to the proposal of the Tumkur District Board.

It is accordingly proposed to amend Section 68 of the District Boards Regulation so as to allow the utilisation, on works which may improve the means of communication in the district, of the whole or any portion of the interest derived from investment of railway cess not immediately required